MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The irregularity was on the part of Mr. T. A. Thomas.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): What was he then?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Tahsildar, Kottarakara.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know whether any action was taken against that officer for the irregularity?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The registry was cancelled.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know why no action was taken against the Tahsildar of Kottarakara for the irregularities in the registry in the name of his brother officer?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No particular action was taken.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know whether the Government have come to know of any circumstances under which they could conclude that Mr. Korah was a party to any of these irregularities?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know the extent of the registry?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice to that also.

Water-logging in the Parakkai village.

171. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether provision was made in the P. W. D. Budgets for the years 1104, 1105 and 1106 for works for preventing water logging in the Parakkai village;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the amount provided in each of the above-said years;

(*c*) the amount spent during these years;

(*d*) the reasons for not spending the whole amount;

(*e*) whether there is provision for the work in the current (1107) year's Budget;

(*f*) if the answer to part (*e*) is in the affirmative, the amount spent so far (15-4-1107);

(*g*) whether it is a fact that, with a view to prevent water-logging in the Parakkai village, the Chief Engineer recommended the acquisition of certain paddy lands the owners of which did not agree to stop wet cultivation;

(*h*) whether the declaration for the acquisition was actually published in the *Government Gazette*; and

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(*i*) whether it has been held in abeyance subsequently ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Provision was made only in the years 1105 and 1106.

(*b*) Rs. 1,000 each year.

(*c*) Rs. 199 in 1105 and Rs. 435 in 1106.

(*d*) The work was sanctioned only towards the end of 1105 and hence only Rs. 199 was spent. In 1106 the necessary works were done leaving only the construction of a culvert and these works costed only Rs. 435.

(*e*) Yes. Rs. 300 has been provided for further works considered necessary.

(*f*) No amount was spent till 15-4-1107.

(*g*) and (*h*) The answers are in the affirmative.

(*i*) Yes, because most of the owners agreed to give up wet cultivation except the owner of only one Survey Number and the acquisition of this land has been temporarily given up till the effect of non-cultivation on all the other lands is watched.

Concessions to the salt licensees of Tamaracolam.

172. **MR. M. GOVINDAN** (*Nominated*) : (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of salt licensees in Tamaracolam whose salt reserved for delivery to Government was washed away by the floods in 1101 showing the quantity against each licensee ?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any concession was given to such licensees ;

(*b*) if so, what ;

(*c*) whether the licensees have applied for remission ;

(*d*) if so, how many ;

(*e*) whether remission was given to a company called the Cape Comorin General Traffic Company, Ltd. ;

(*f*) if so, the amount in respect of which remission was granted ;

(*g*) the reason for granting the concession ;

(*h*) whether remission was granted to the other applicants ; and

(*i*) if not, the reason for not granting them the concession ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (1) The list* required is placed on the table.

(2) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (i) Extension of time to the licensees of the B, C, and D schedules of the Avadhanial's Factory for the payment of the dues for 1102 to 1104 *viz.*, 75,000 maunds of salt in instalments of 12,500 maunds from 1105 onwards, along with current dues.

(ii) Extension of time to the licensees of the A, E, F, and G Schedules of the Avadhanial's Factory for the payment of arrears of 23,746 maunds of salt prior to 1102 in four instalments from 1103 onwards.

(iii) Extension of time to the licensees of S. M. G. N. Allom for the payment of the arrears of 44,529 maunds prior to 1102 in four instalments from 1103 onwards.

* *Vide* Appendix IV—page 439.

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